

## Tippecanoe County Health Department

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## HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER – RESTAURANTS AND BARS AMENDED EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2021

This Health Officer's Order is issued pursuant to authority provided to a local health officer pursuant to Indiana law, including I.C. 16-20-1-1 et seq and is as follows:

WHEREAS, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and evidence that restaurants and bars pose a risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, Tippecanoe County has a significant number of well-established and frequented restaurant and bar and other facilities which attract patrons from within and outside of Tippecanoe County, and

WHEREAS, such restaurant and bar and other facilities are expected to attract increasing numbers of patrons under circumstances making social distancing, use a face coverings (masks), and other accepted guidelines for reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission difficult to maintain, and

WHEREAS, Eric J. Holcomb as Governor of Indiana in his Executive Order 21-06 enacted county-specific mitigation measures but continuing data indicates the need for additional mitigation measures, and

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Board of Health, at its meeting held August 5, 2020, authorized the Tippecanoe County Health Officer to take action as considered appropriate to help protect public health,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT beginning April 6, 2021 this Health Officer's Order shall be in force in Tippecanoe County, Indiana:

- 1. All requirements of Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Indiana shall be followed by Tippecanoe County residents and those persons entering Tippecanoe County and all businesses and other entities in their operations within Tippecanoe County.
- 2. In addition to meeting the requirements of the Governor's Executive Orders, those bars, restaurants, and other food service facilities licensed by the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission and (or) the Tippecanoe County Health Department shall be limited or shall otherwise do the following:

- A. Indoor and outdoor restaurant capacity of up to 100% of available seating is permitted provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained.
- B. Indoor and outdoor bar capacity of up to 100% of available seating is permitted provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained.
- C. Bar-top service is permitted provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained between parties seated at the bar.
- D. While capacity limits are no longer based on a percentage of overall occupancy, seating must be arranged and maintained so that individuals, households, and parties are spaced at least 6 feet apart from any other individual, household, or party.
- E. Dance floors are permitted, however, establishments should limit dance floor capacity to optimize social distancing.
- 3. This Order applies on property owned by Ivy Tech and Purdue University, as long as adopted by their required authorities, but does not apply on other Indiana-owned property. Ivy Tech and Purdue University have the legal authority to impose even stricter requirements than are imposed here.
- 4. The Health Officer's Order regarding restaurants and bars dated February 18, 2021 is rescinded and replaced, in total, by this order. This Order shall be in effect until modified or rescinded.

Jeremy P. Adler, M. D.

**Tippecanoe County Health Officer** 

Date